**Industrial growth**

123. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of industrial growth registered during the past two quarters of the current year and the corresponding figures for each quarters of 1985 and 1984; and

(b) what is the sector-wise break-up of industrial growth registered during 1985 and from January to June, 1986?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) According to C.S.O. Index of Industrial Production available upto April, 1986 the quarter-wise growth rates of industrial production were as under:

| Quarters | Percentage rates of growth | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 |
| I. (Jan.-March) | 7·9 | 6·4 | 6·7 |
| II. (April-June) | 6·9 | 5·8 | 7·7* |
| III. (July-Sept.) | 8·6 | 5·4 | .. |
| IV. (Oct.-Dec.) | 5·4 | 7·4 | .. |

*Based on the quick index for April, 1986 over the provisional index for April, 1985.

(b) The sector-wise rates of industrail growth registered during 1985 and during January April, 1986 were as follows:—

| Sectors | Rates of industrial growth | |
|---|---|---|
| | 1985 | 1986 (Jan-April) |
| Manufactring | 6.1 | 6.2 |
| Mining | 4.8 | 7.4 |
| Electricity | 8.2 | 10.4 |
| Overall | 6.2 | 6.9 |

**On-shore drilling programme on selective basis**

124. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM and NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as far back as early 1984 Government had decided to involve private sector companies with foreign collaboration in the on-shore drilling programme on selective basis; and

(b) if, so, what steps have been taken by Government so far, in this direction stating the reasons for delay in the appointment of private sector companies for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b). Yes Sir. Government have already approved the foreign collaboration proposals of a number of private sector companies for rendering drilling services. Contracts for drilling would be awarded by ONGC/OIL when the Indian companies are successful in *competitive bidding*. The Indian companies would also be entitled to price preference.